

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following rewritten paragraph:

A first broad portion 64 extends from the cap portion 44. The first broad portion 64 is connected to the cap portion 44 forward of the underside 48 of the cap portion. The first broad portion 64 may be secured to the cap portion 44 by a variety of different mechanisms, including a threaded screw 66 as shown in Figure 2A. Additionally, the broad portion 64 may be welded to the cap portion 64 44 or may be integrally formed therewith. The first broad portion 64 includes a gas reaction surface 65 and a vent-blocking portion 68. The vent blocking portion 68 extends from the gas reaction interface 65 such that it is arranged substantially perpendicular to the gas reaction surface 65.

Please replace paragraph [0053] with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring again to Figure 3, a method of assembling an air bag system (such as air bag system 14 of Figure 1) includes securing a tether release/vent-modifying mechanism such as tether release/vent-modifying mechanism 30A to a cushion retainer such as cushion retainer 112. The method further includes connecting an air bag (not shown) to the cushion retainer. The method further includes restraining tether elements 60A (~~one shown~~) at the rod portion 46A of the movable member 42A. The method further includes, after securing the tether release/vent-modifying mechanism 40A to the cushion retainer 112, attaching the cushion retainer 112 to the module housing 18A such that the air bag 16A is retained by the housing 18A upon inflation of the air bag 16A. The method further includes attaching the inflator 32A to the module housing 18A. This may be accomplished at any point during the assembly. The method may further include mounting the module housing 18A to a vehicle.